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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH GA: INDIA

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1. JAPANESE PERM REP SAITO DISCUSSED KHMER OCT. 23 WITH INDIAN PERM REP JAIPAL. JAIPAL TOLD SAITO THAT INDIA WAS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT GRUNK RESOLUTION. HE THEN ADDED, STRESSING CONFIDENTIAL AND PERSONAL NATURE OF DISCUSSION, THAT HE CONSIDERING ABSTAINING ON ASEAN RESOLUTION.
2. WHEN SAITO ASKED JAIPAL IF LATTER THINKING ALSO OF ABSTAINING ON PRIORITY FOR ASEAN RESOLUTION, JAIPAL DID NOT IMMEDIATELY RESPOND. INSTEAD JAIPAL COMMENTED TO SAITO THAT THE TWO RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE. PERHAPS, HE SAID, ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD NOT BE PUT TO VOTE THIS YEAR. PERHAPS VOTE ON THAT RESOLUTION COULD BE DELAYED A YEAR ALLOWING TIME FOR FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT NEGOTIATIONS ADVOCATED IN ASEAN DRAFT. JAIPAL SAID PERHAPS GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA WOULD BE AMENABLE TO IDEA THAT VOTE ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD BE DELAYED. JAIPAL SUGGESTED
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THAT SAITO AND ASEANS COULD PROMPT BOUTEFLIKA TO ASK

UN LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ADVICE. AGTER THIS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING COMMENT, JAIPAL FINALLY SAID HE CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING TO NEW DELHI THAT INDIA ABSTAIN ALSO ON QUESTION OF PRIORITY.

3. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY KHMER THAT ASEANS HAVE MADE DEMARCHE IN NEW DELHI WITH UNIDENTIFIED INDIAN "VICE FOREIGN MINISTER" ON BEHALF OF THEIR DRAFT. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT DETAIL ABOUT THAT EFFORT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS OFFICIAL REFERRED ASEANS TO NON-ALIGNED RES, AND PROMISED ONLY TO REPORT DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN.

4. KHMER PERM REP CHHUT NOW HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT KHMER CHARGE IN NEW DELHI CALLED P.K. BOUDWAR OF MFA EAST ASIA DIVISION, WHO TOLD KHMER REP CHARGE ON "PERSONAL" BASIS THAT INDIA WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH NEGOTIATIONS, AND HE ASKED WHAT CHARGE THOUGHT OF IDEA OF PERMITTING GRUNK TO ESTABLISH LIAISON OFFICE IN NEW DELHI. CHHUT TOLD US THAT CHARGE SAID GKR WOULD WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN OFFICE IN NEW DELHI.

COMMENT: WE ARE INCLINED TO PUT HEAVY WEIGHT ON JAIPAL'S INDICATION TO SAITO THAT HE MIGHT RECOMMEND ABSTENTION. WE HAVE TOLD ASIAN ALIES, OCT.22, THAT WE BELIEVE GKR SUPPORTERS SHOULD KEEP PRESSURE ON INDIA TO VOTE YES ON BOTH PRIORITY AND SUBSTANCE. IF JAIPAL IN FACT IS TO RECOMMEND ABSTENTION SUCH PRESSURE IN NEW DELHI WOULD HELP INSURE THAT WE GET AT LEAST THAT MUCH. WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY NEW DELHI ARE KEEPING INDIAN POSITION UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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